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Dear Mike,

Letters like yours mean much to me. Thanks.

Frank did not lie about having those FBI reports. He could have obtained them in many ways and allowed the FBI in DC to preserve a position of deniability.

One way is the prosecution.

Another the Memphis Filed Office.

Please do not ask me to engage in unnecessary correspondece. I've undertaken an enormous task and I'll be 64 in less than a month. I want to spend every minute I can on my own work.

How I envy Pendleton! One of my longings of a decade has been for an assistant.

When Howard Roffman could get here he was wonderfully helpful.

Recently a lawyer Jack Kershaw of Nashville has intruded into the Ray case. I presume you are keeping a clipping files. I'd appreciate copies because Kershaw is not on the up and up in this.

If you can get copies of what the local papers' morgues have on him that, too, could be helpfu.

It is simply insane to have Ray play with the stacked deck of a committee that found Ray guilty without even a pro forma hearing and is exploring only the possibility of co-conspirators. This is what Kershaw has done without consultation with Jim Leser, who has been counsel.

SO, I'm interested in what kind of guy does this.

Many thanks,

Harold